



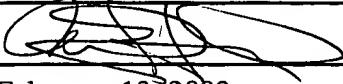
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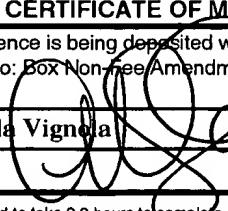
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Abraham S. Farag, et al.
Application No. 09/687,262
Filed: October 11, 2000
For: COMPUTER MOUSE HAVING SIDE
AREAS TO MAINTAIN A
DEPRESSED BUTTON POSITION

Examiner: Nguyen, J.

Art Unit: 2674

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

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| 1001 | 750 | 2001 | 375 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 | 330 | 2002 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 520 | 2003 | 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 750 | 2004 | 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 20 | 18.00 | \$0.00 |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 84 | 2201 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 280 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | **Reissue Independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or cash deposit | | | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | | | |
| 2053 | 130 | 2053 | 130 | Non-English specification | | | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | | | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | | | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | | | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | | | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month | | | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | | | |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | | | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | | | |
| 1404 | 320 | 2401 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | | | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | | | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 2451 | 1,510 | Petition to Institute a public use proceeding | | | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | | | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | | | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 | 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | | | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 | 235 | Design issue fee | | | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 | 315 | Plant issue fee | | | |
| 1460 | 130 | 2460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | | | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | | | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | | | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | | | |
| 1809 | 750 | 1809 | 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(e)) | | | |
| 1810 | 750 | 2810 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | | | |
| 1801 | 750 | 2801 | 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | | | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | | | |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | | | |

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